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1. In the early part of March 1949 when the Bulgarian Third Army was on maneuvers in the area of Yambol, the infantry regiment to which informant belonged was suddenly surrounded by units of a Soviet armored division stationed in Bulgaria and by units of a Bulgarian motorized division. MVD agents immediately arrested General Marko Atanasov, Commander of the Third Army, and some of his officers, disarmed them and imprisoned them under heavy guard.
2. General Atanasov's arrest reportedly resulted from the discovery of a plot whereby he intended to concentrate his forces in southern Bulgaria, establish contact with Yugoslav troops who were likewise concentrated along the Bulgarian border, and then jointly march on Sofia in order to establish a regime similar to that of Tito in Yugoslavia.
3. [REDACTED] 1 Infantry Regiment is located in Sofia. The 1 Bulgarian Motorized Regiment Headquarters Staff is located in Sofia while units of the regiment are stationed in the village of Opitavet near the capital.
4. Bunkers are being built under the guidance of Soviet specialists on the Komov (sic) mountain.

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